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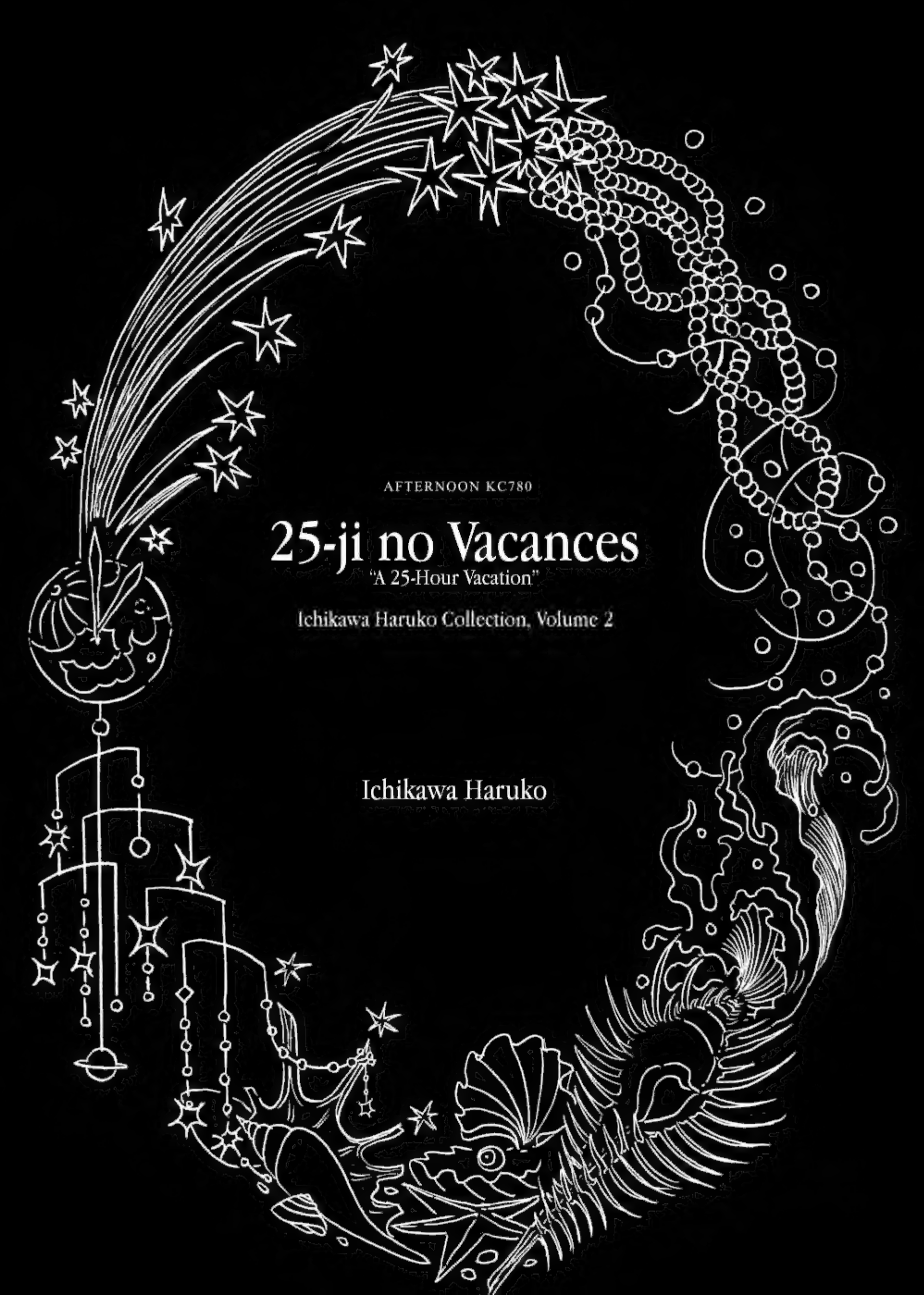
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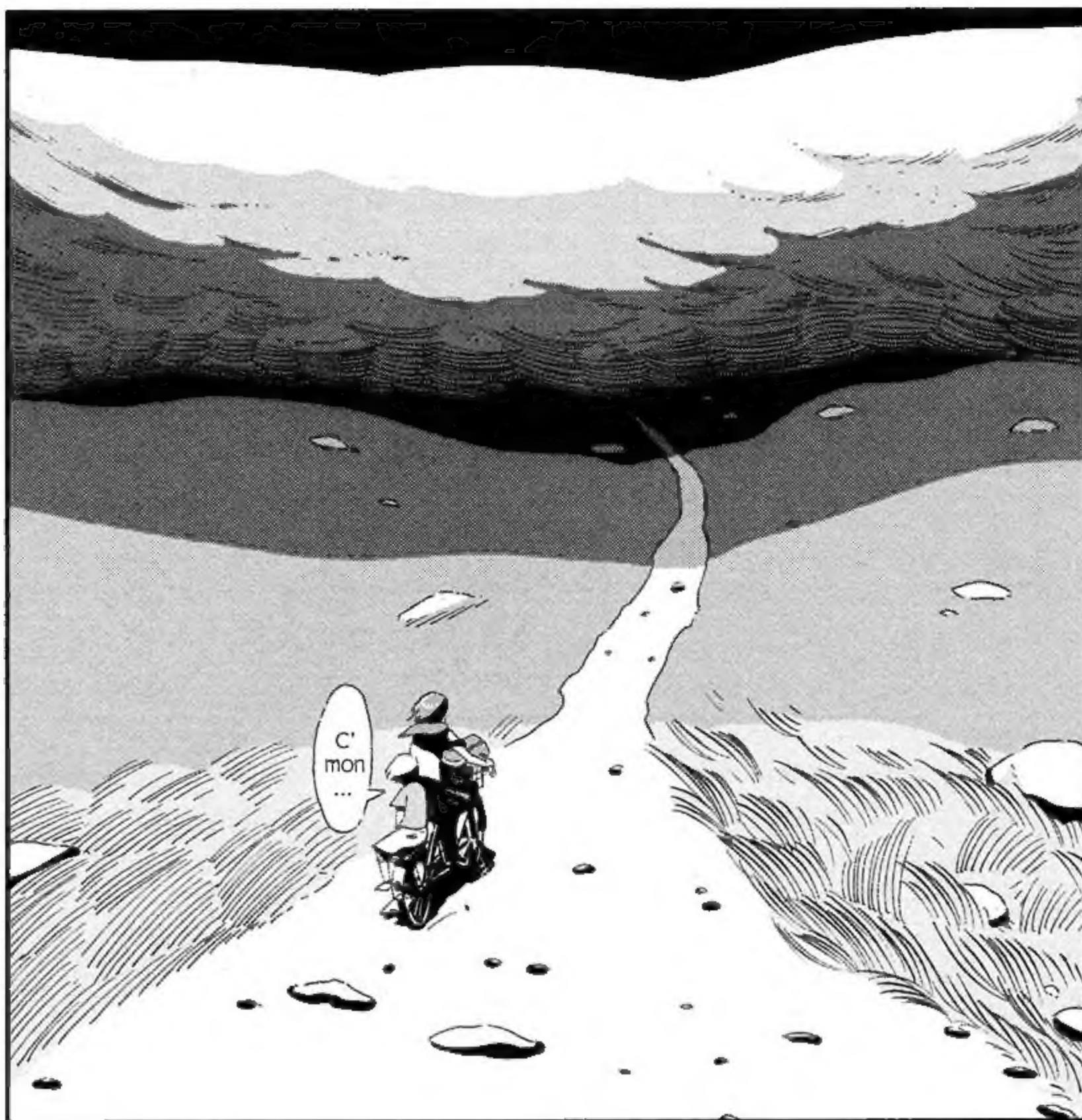
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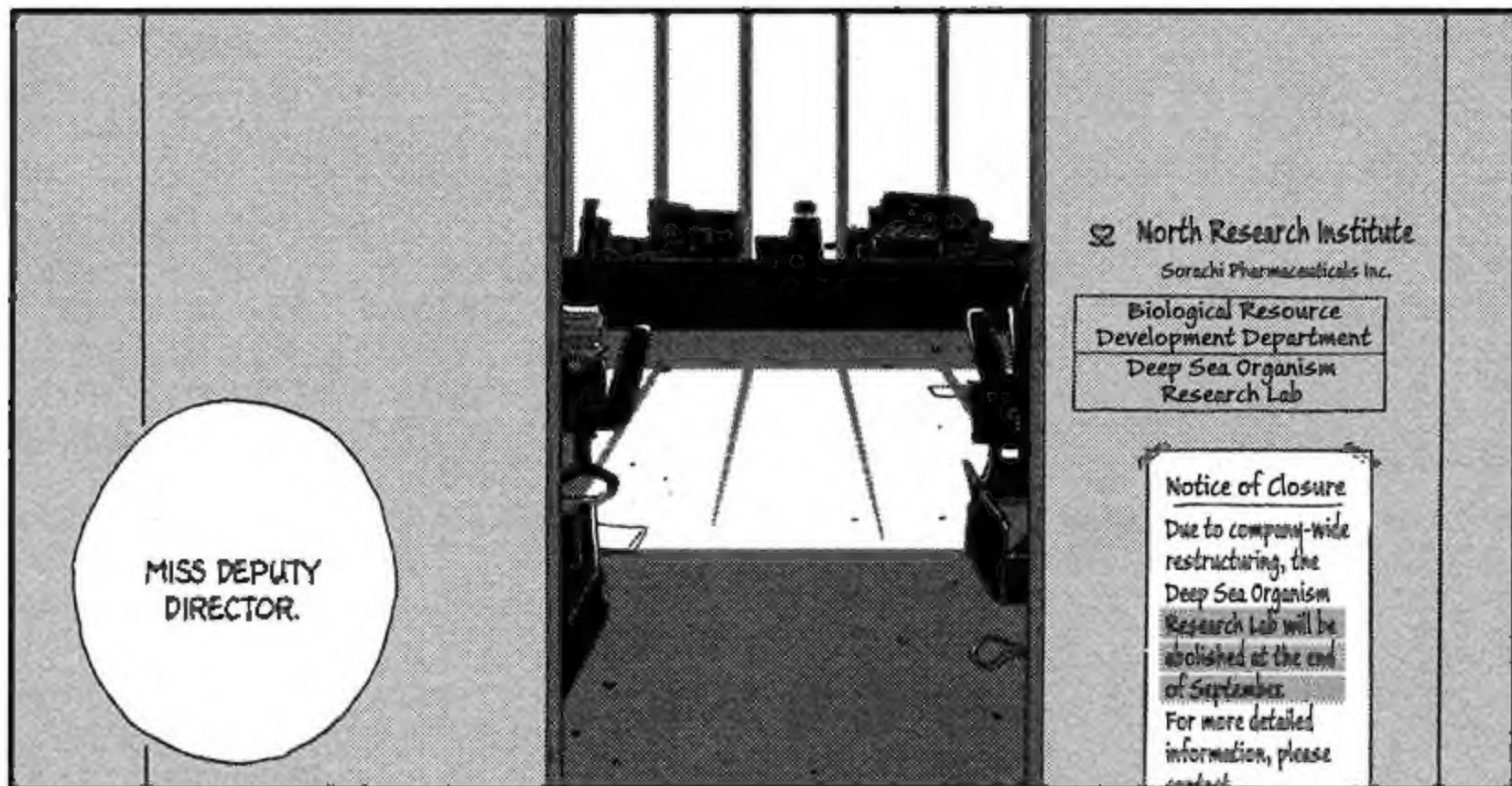


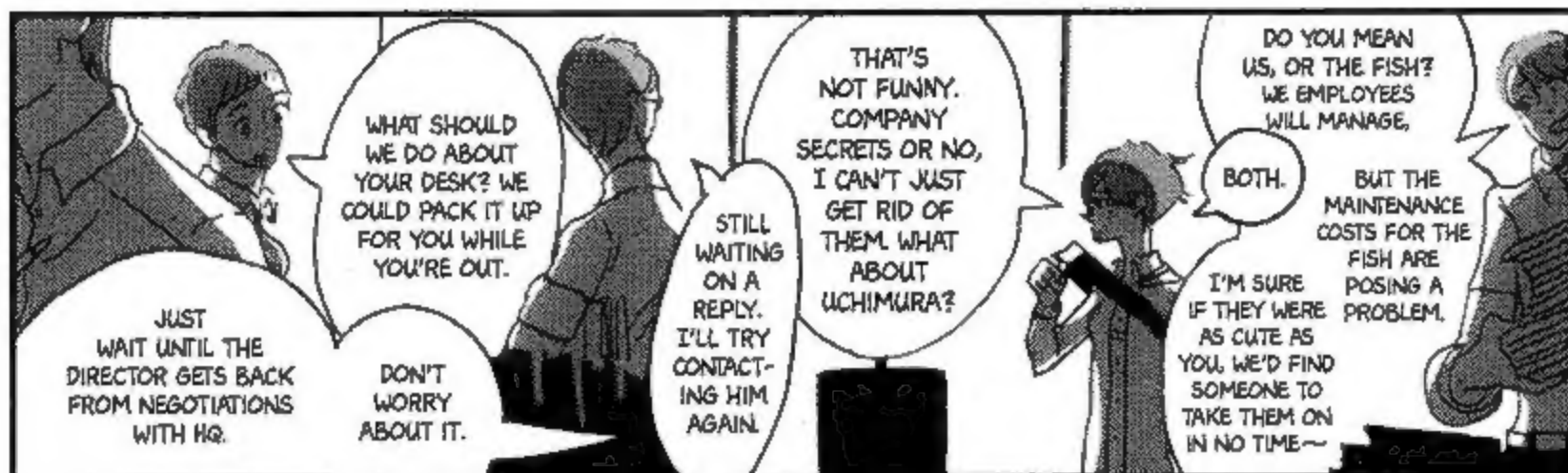
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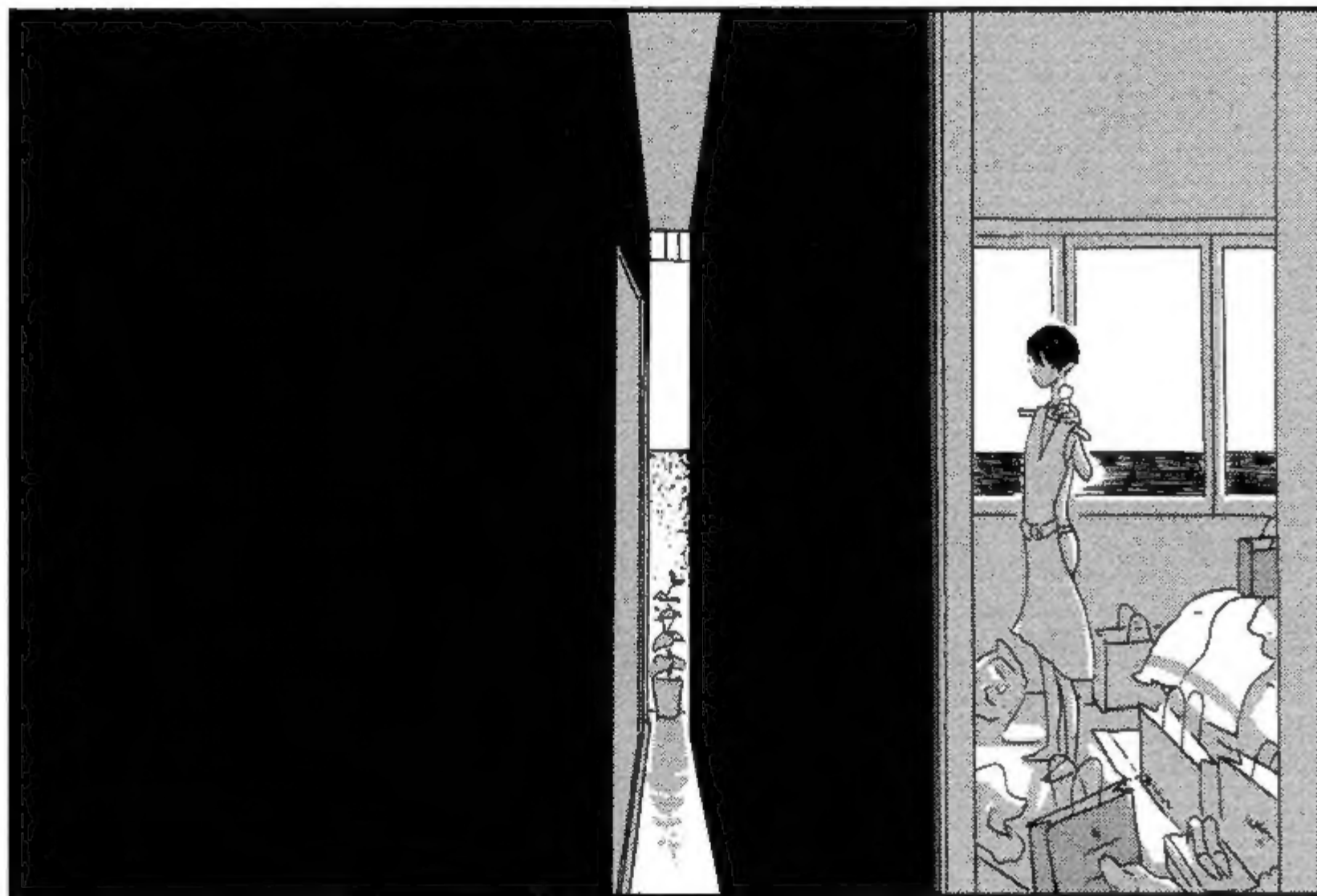
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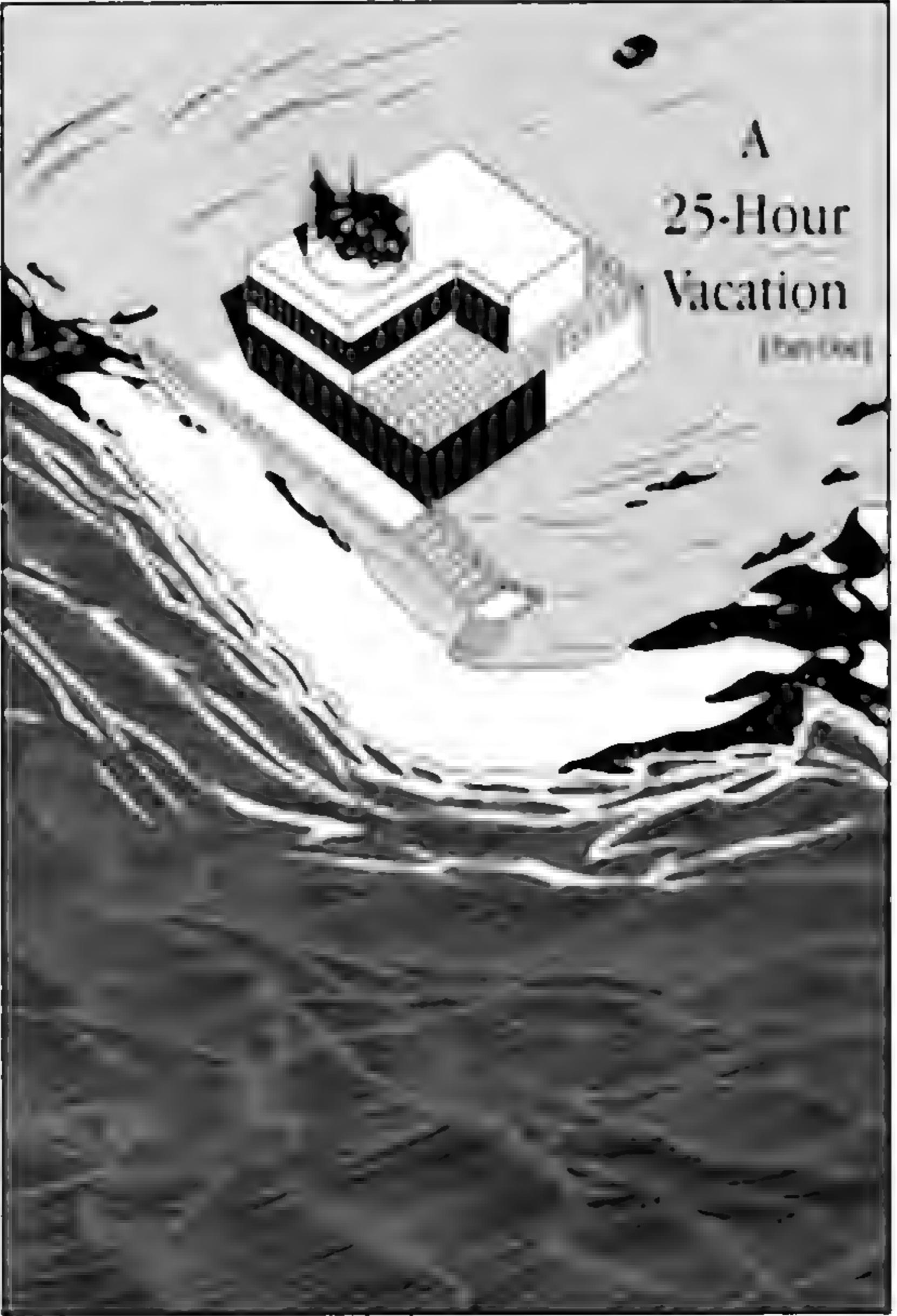










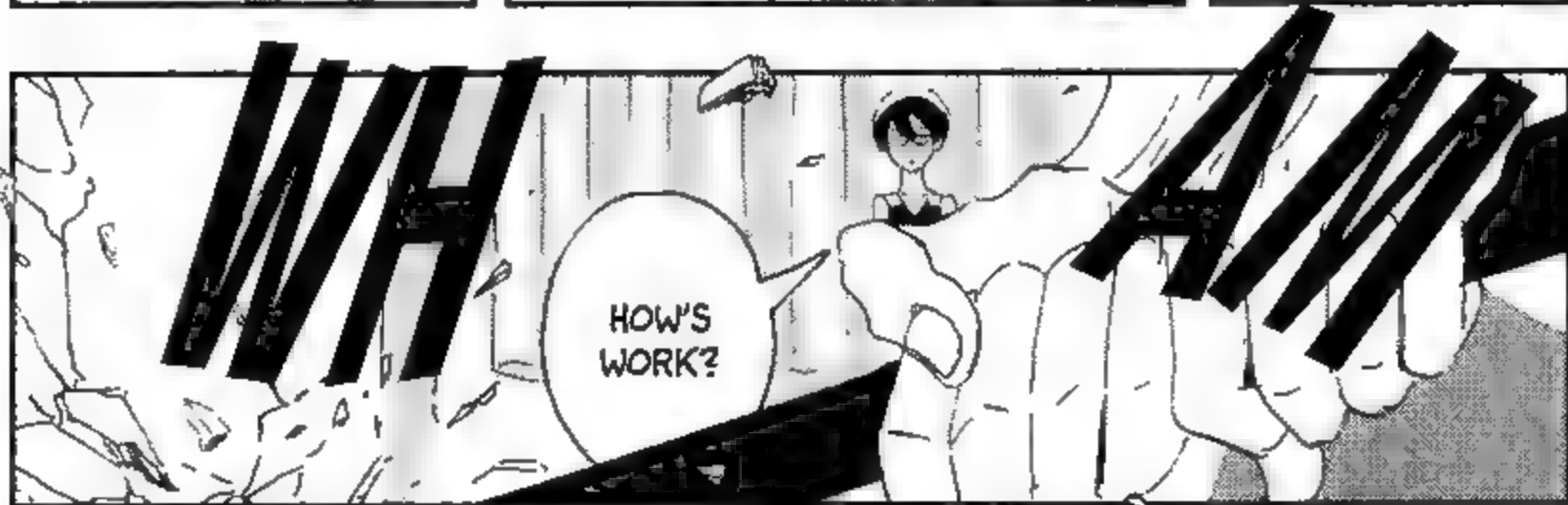
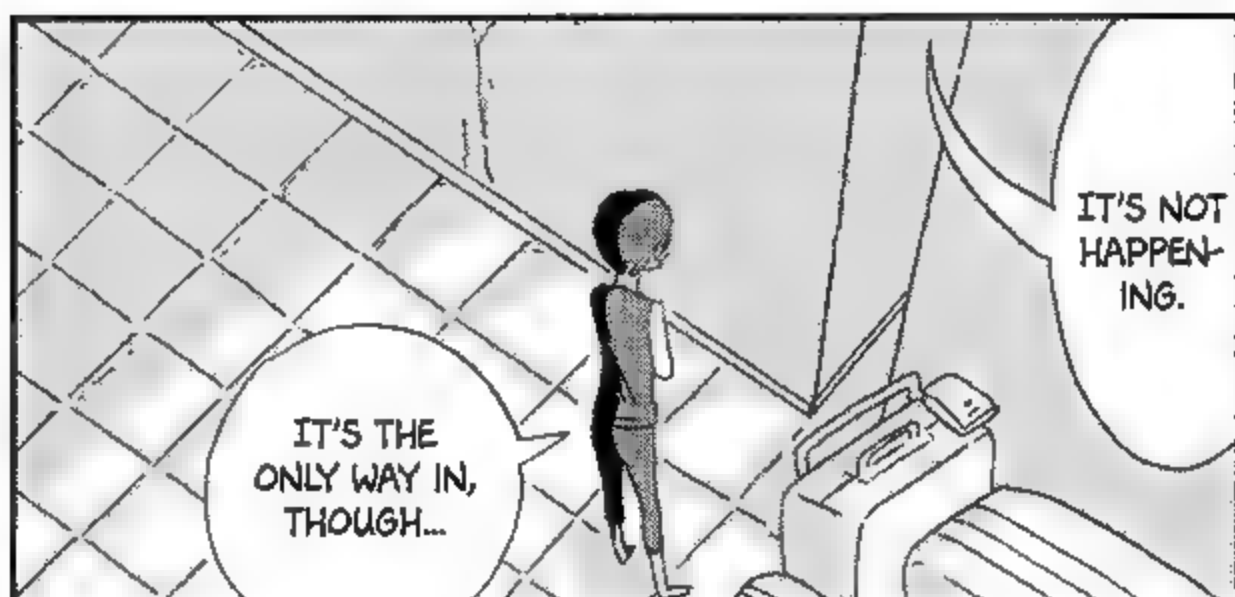


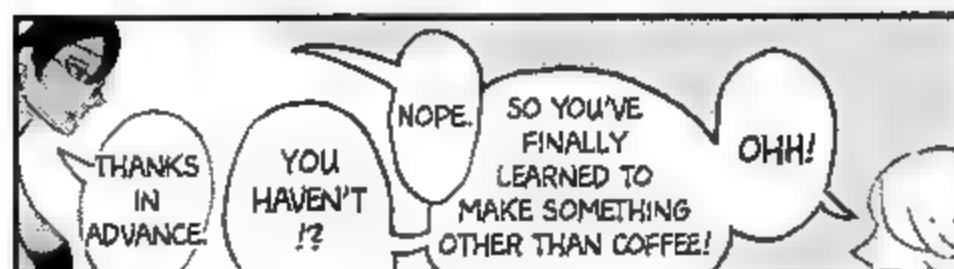
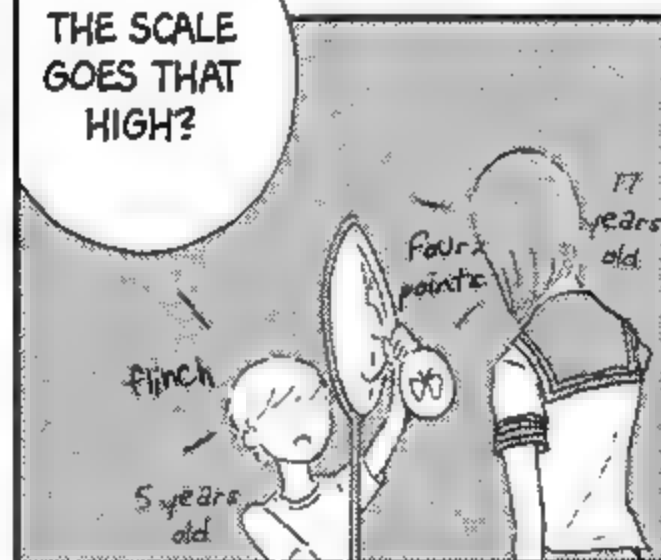
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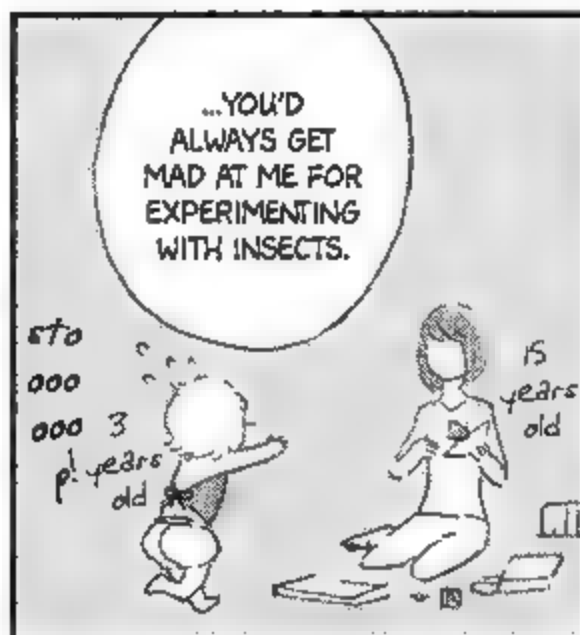
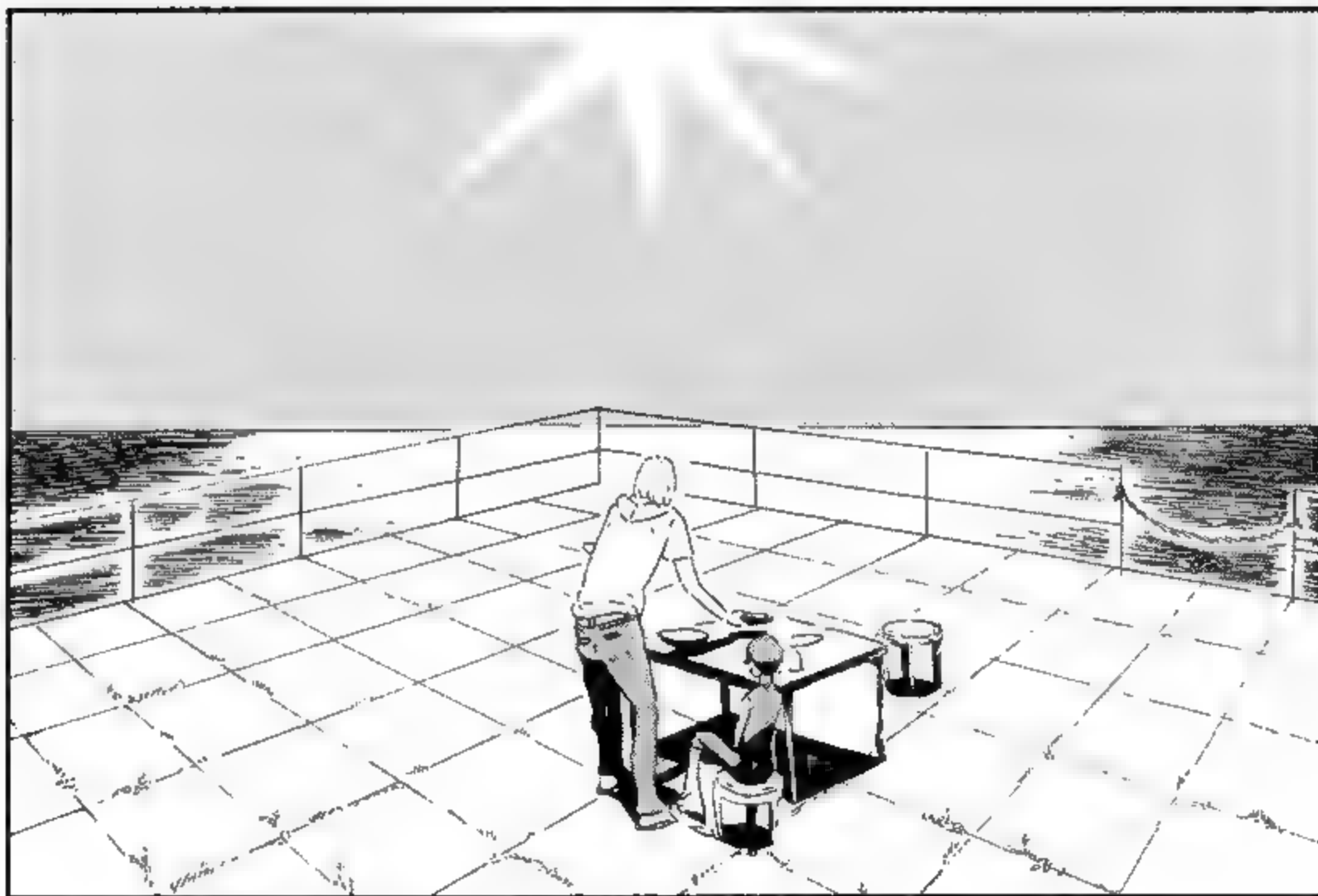
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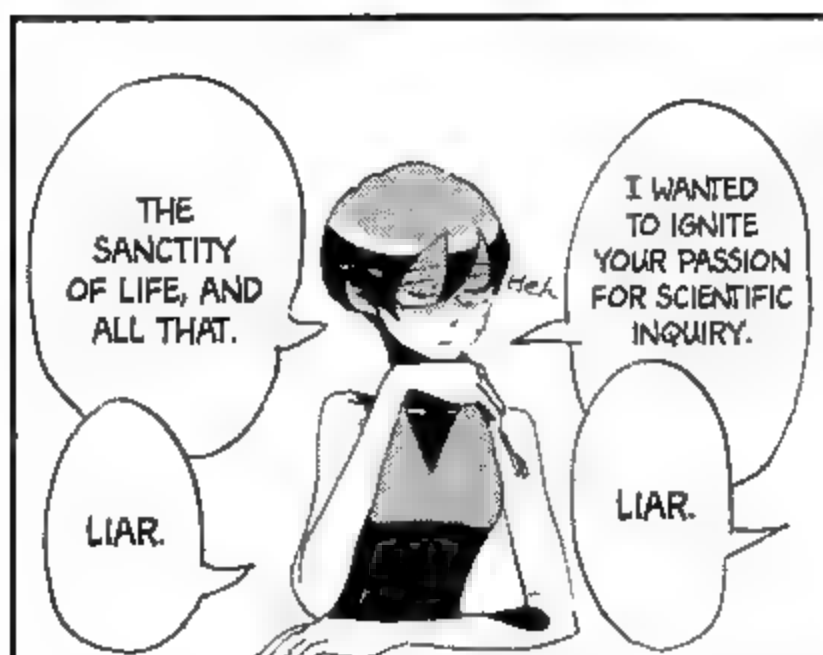
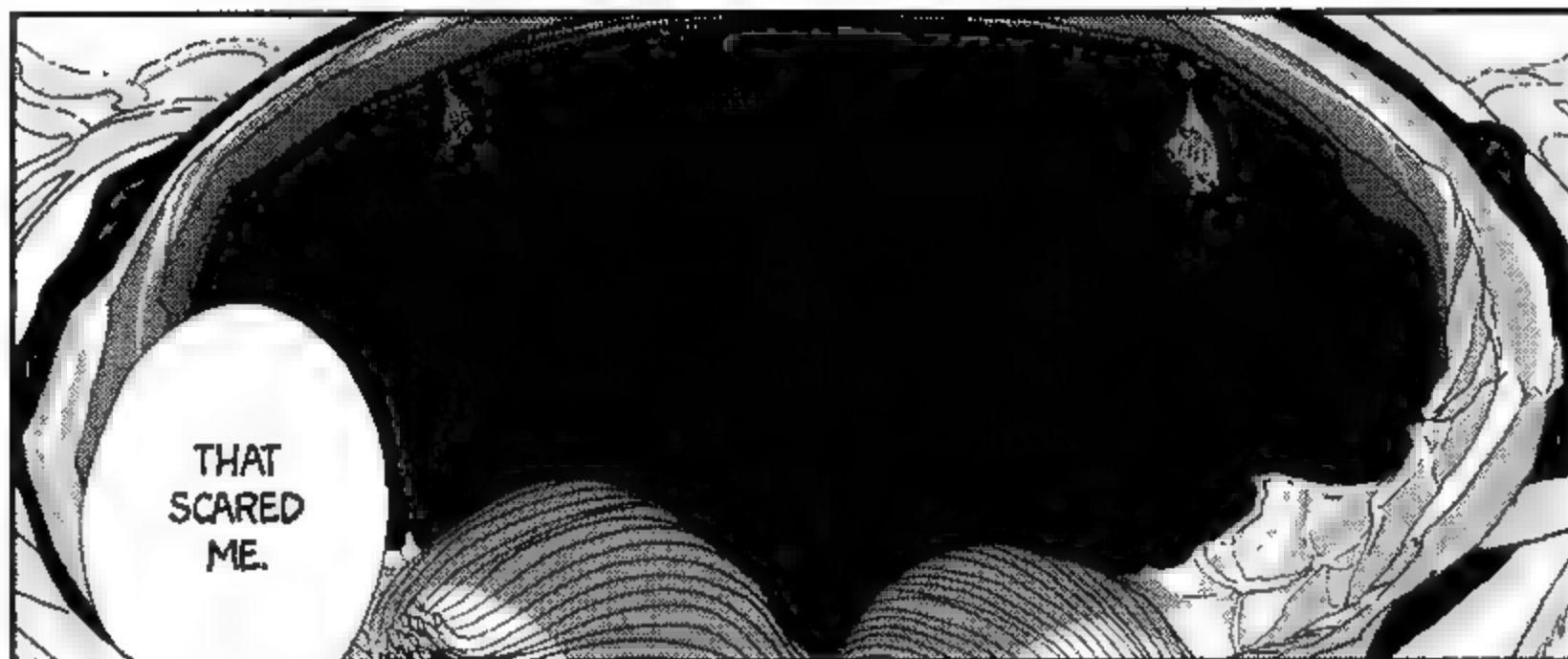




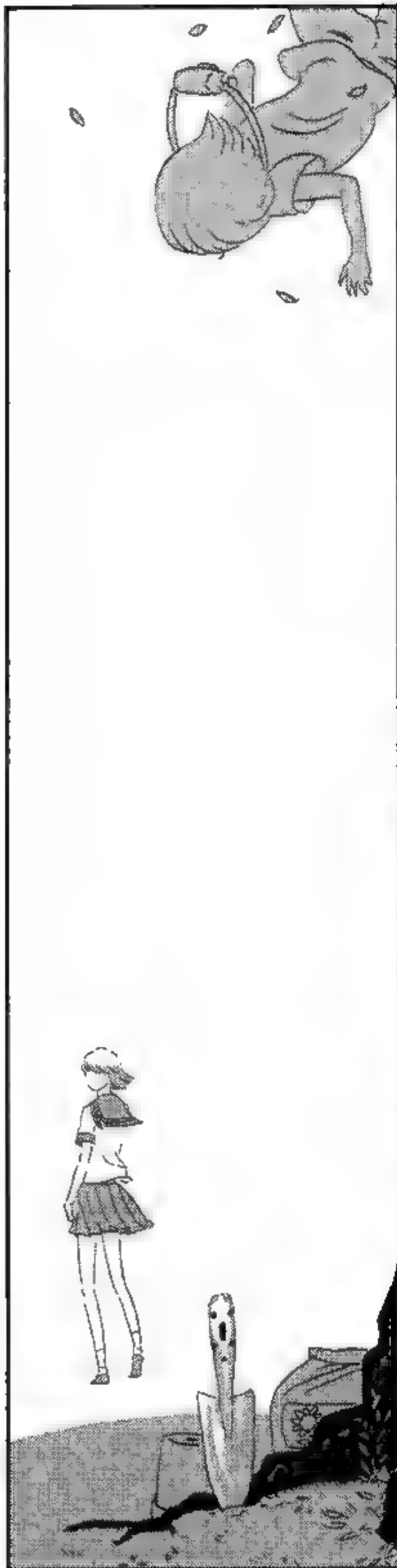




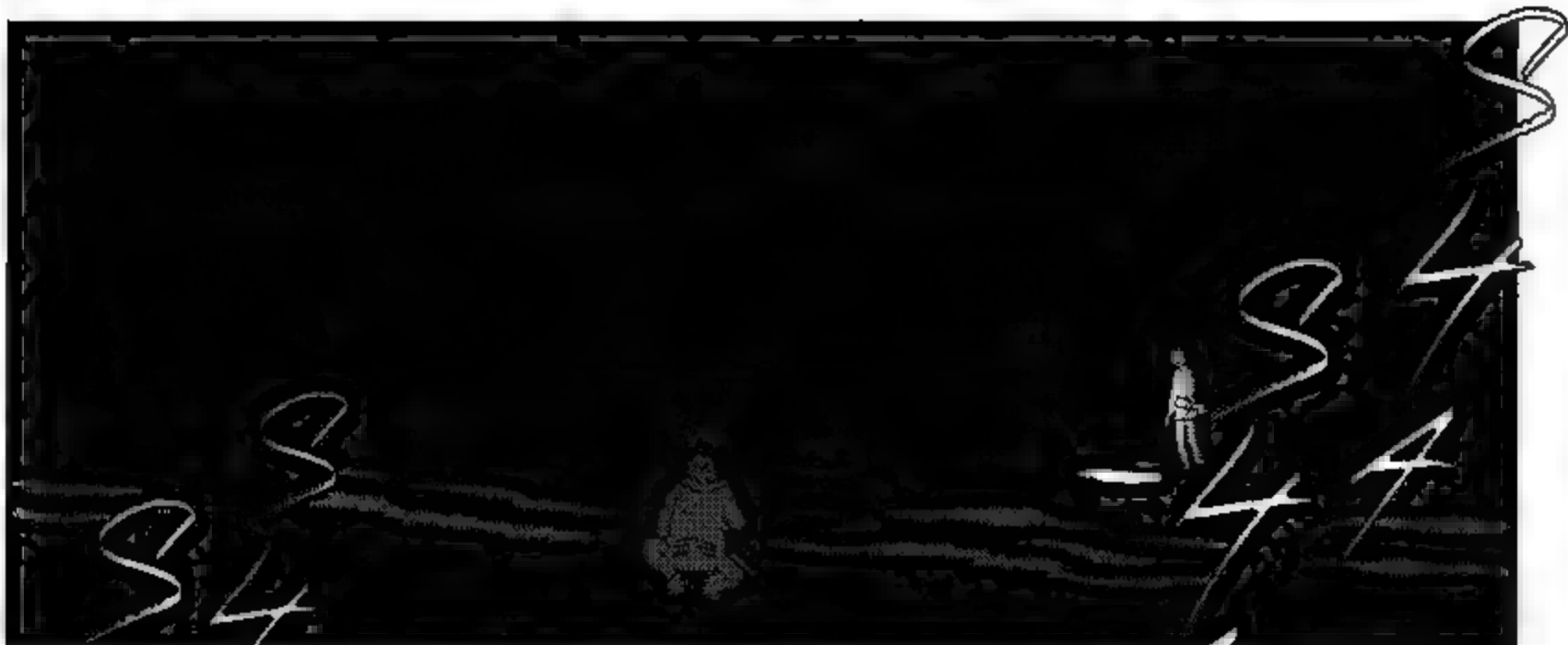










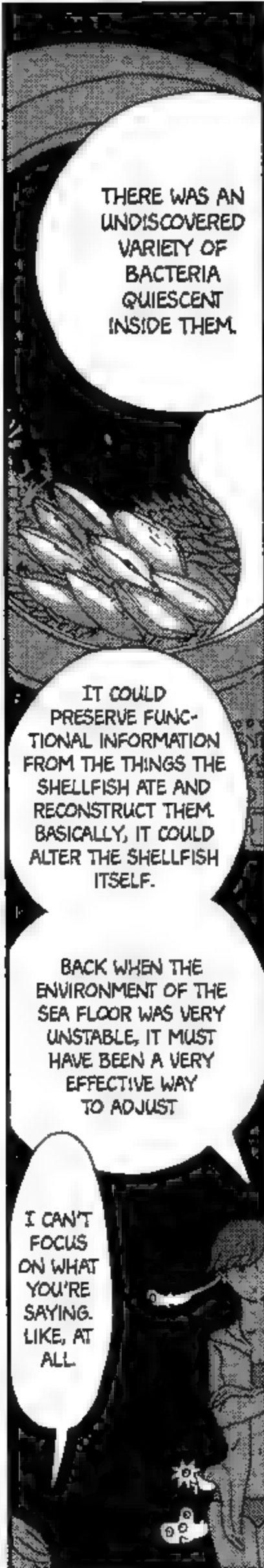










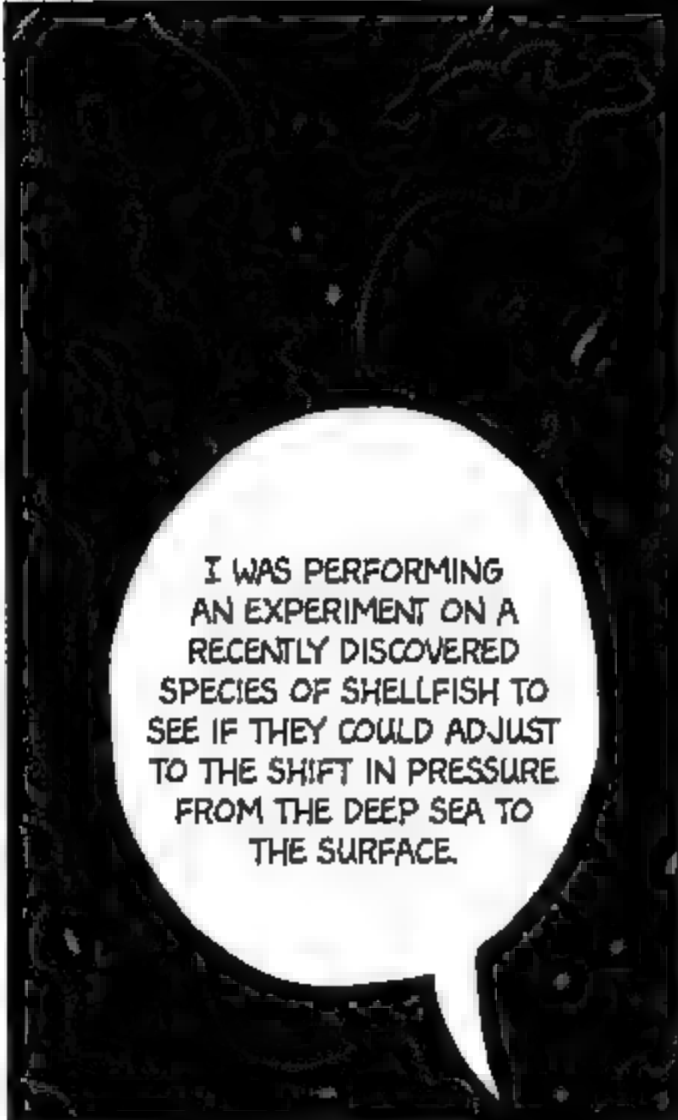


THERE WAS AN
UNDISCOVERED
VARIETY OF
BACTERIA
QUIESCENT
INSIDE THEM.

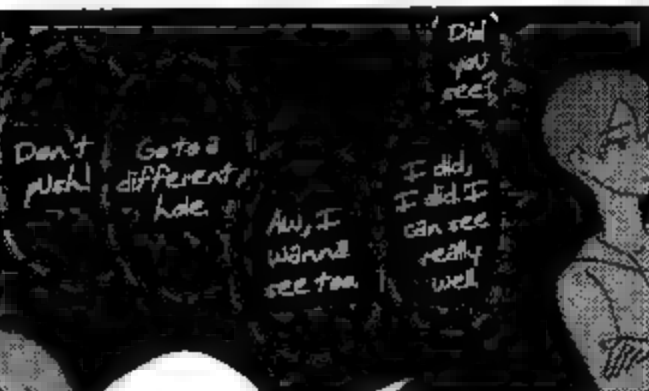
IT COULD
PRESERVE FUNC-
TIONAL INFOR-
MATION FROM
THE THINGS THE
SHELLFISH ATE AND
RECONSTRUCT THEM.
BASICALLY, IT COULD
ALTER THE SHELLFISH
ITSELF.

BACK WHEN THE
ENVIRONMENT OF THE
SEA FLOOR WAS VERY
UNSTABLE, IT MUST
HAVE BEEN A VERY
EFFECTIVE WAY
TO ADJUST

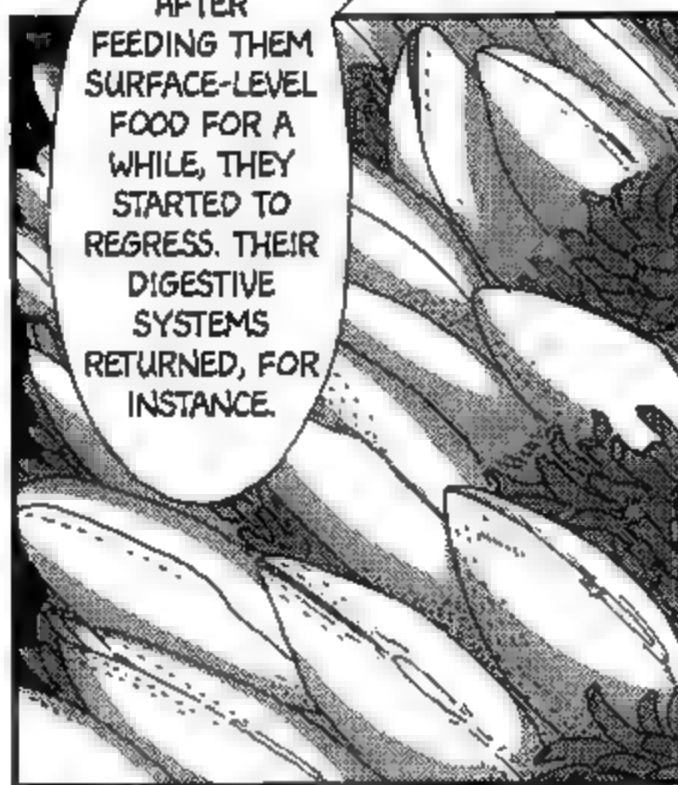
I CAN'T
FOCUS
ON WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING.
LIKE, AT
ALL.



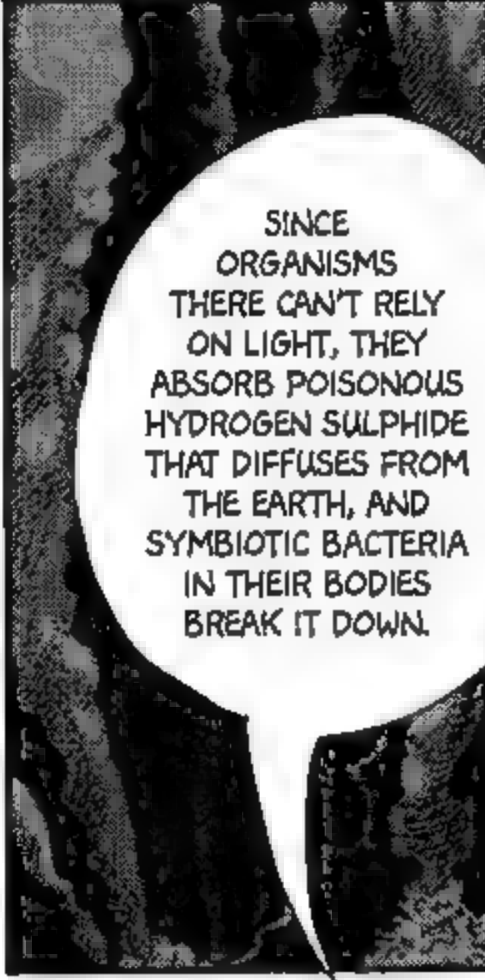
I WAS PERFORMING
AN EXPERIMENT ON A
RECENTLY DISCOVERED
SPECIES OF SHELLFISH TO
SEE IF THEY COULD ADJUST
TO THE SHIFT IN PRESSURE
FROM THE DEEP SEA TO
THE SURFACE.




Don't
push!
Gotta
different
hole.
Aw, I
wanna
see too.
Did
you
see?
I did,
I did. I
can see
really
well.



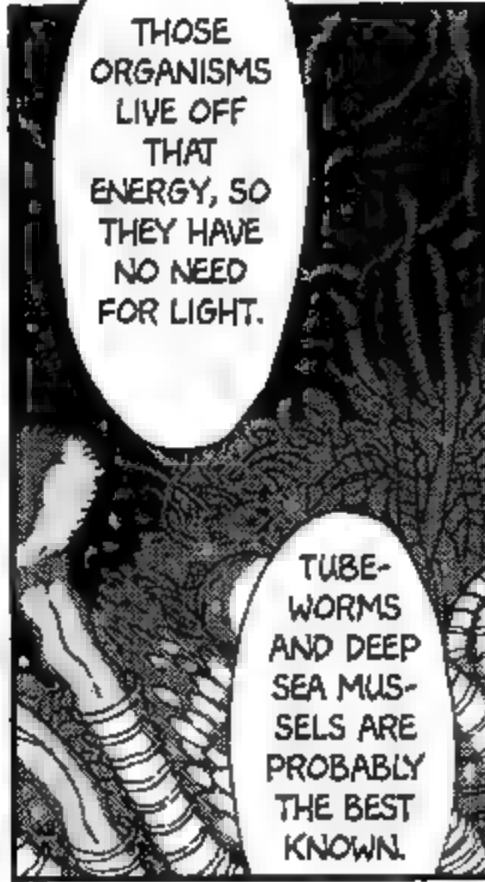
AFTER
FEEDING THEM
SURFACE-LEVEL
FOOD FOR A
WHILE, THEY
STARTED TO
REGRESS. THEIR
DIGESTIVE
SYSTEMS
RETURNED, FOR
INSTANCE.



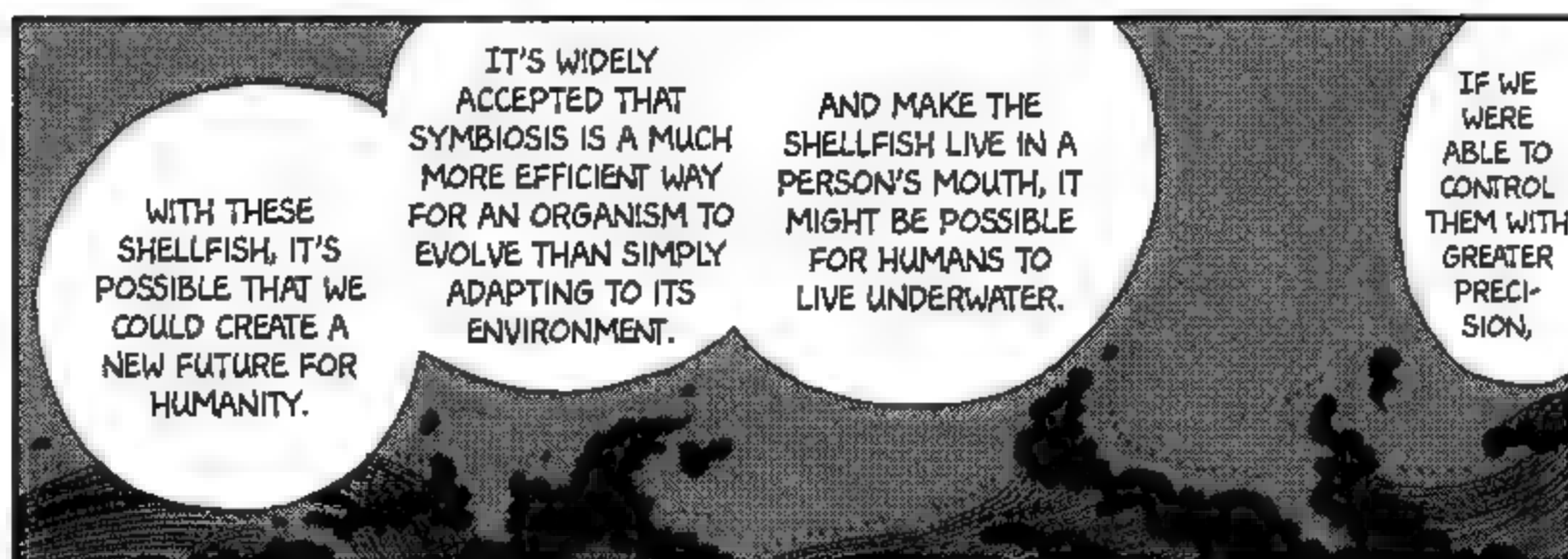
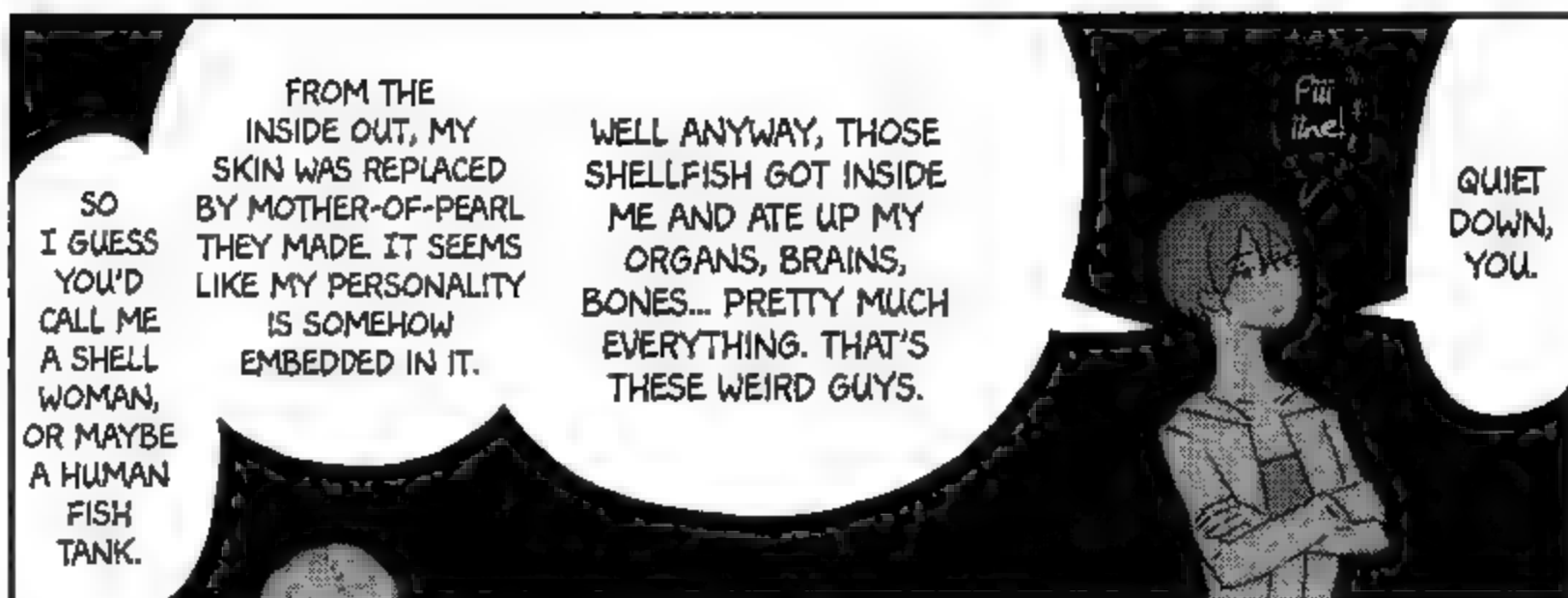
SINCE
ORGANISMS
THERE CAN'T RELY
ON LIGHT, THEY
ABSORB POISONOUS
HYDROGEN SULPHIDE
THAT DIFFUSES FROM
THE EARTH, AND
SYMBIOTIC BACTERIA
IN THEIR BODIES
BREAK IT DOWN.

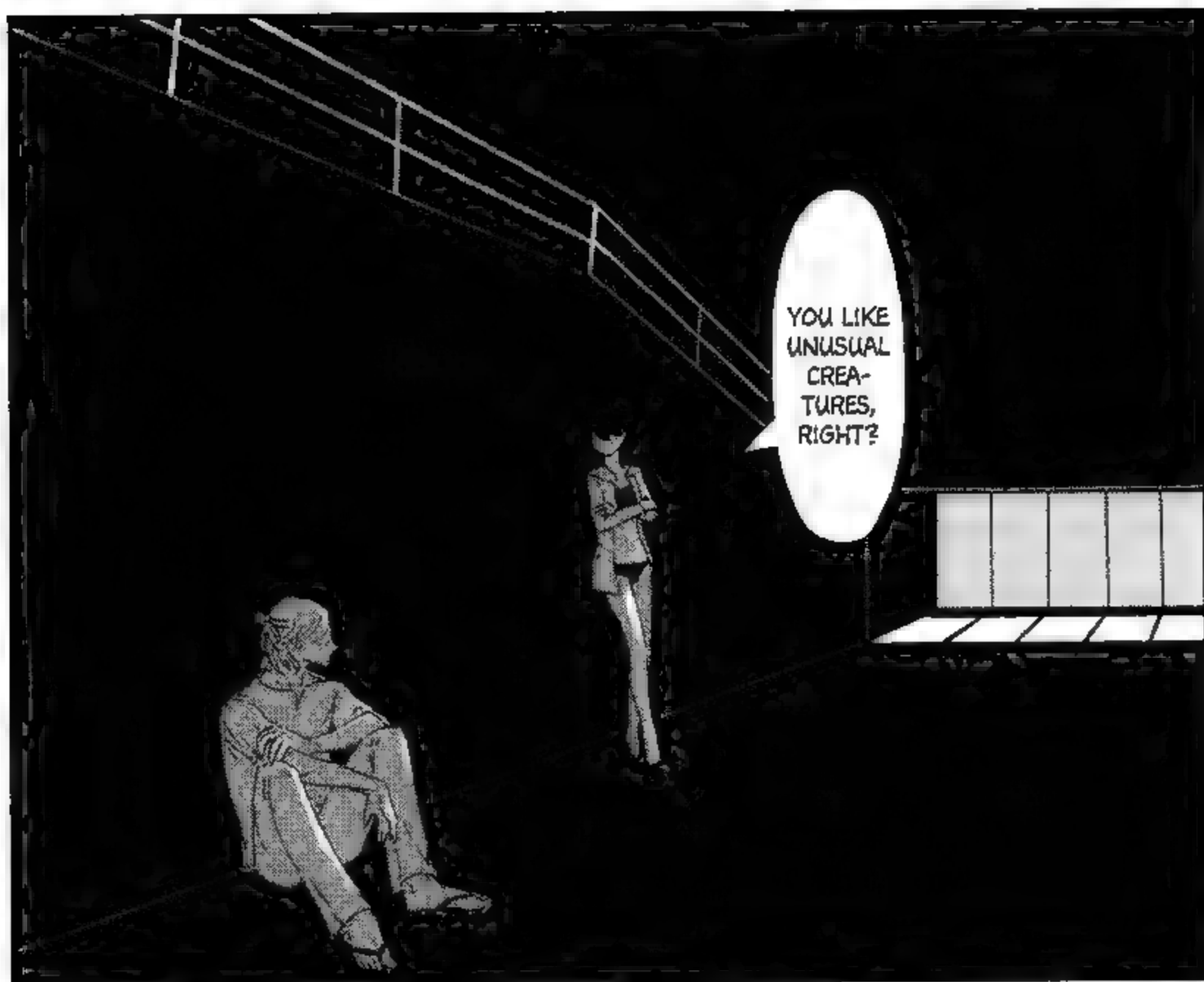


THOSE
ORGANISMS
LIVE OFF
THAT
ENERGY, SO
THEY HAVE
NO NEED
FOR LIGHT.



TUBE-
WORMS
AND DEEP
SEA MUS-
SELS ARE
PROBABLY
THE BEST
KNOWN.







SO I HAD THEM RAW...

I GOT HUNGRY... DURING THE NIGHT SHIFT...

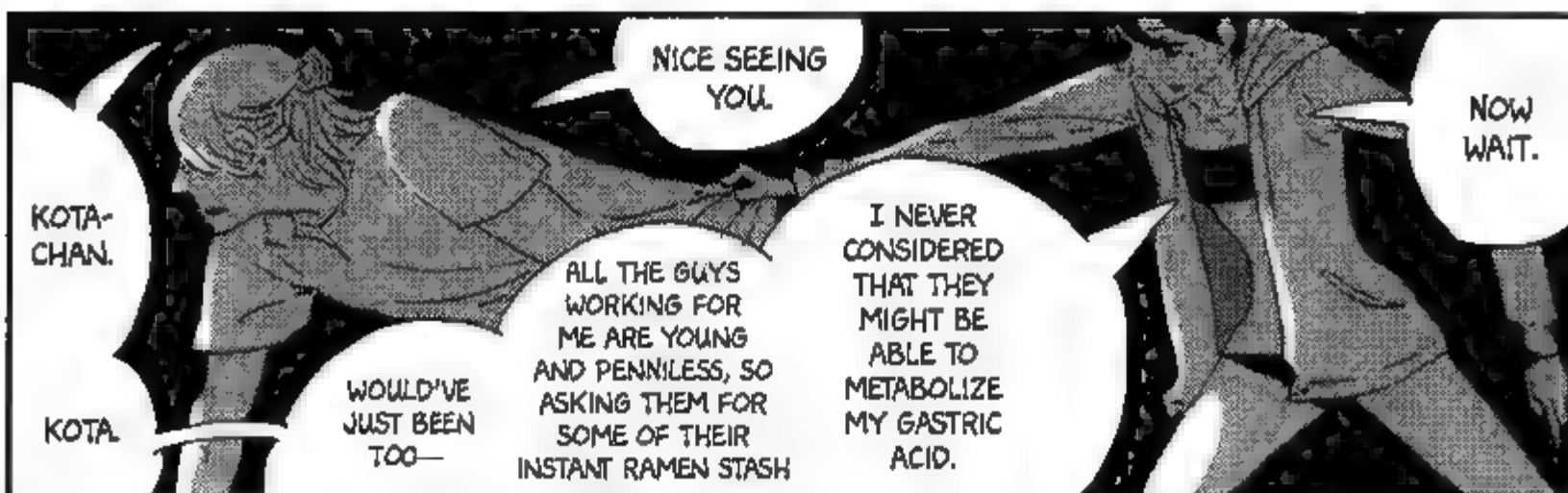
THEY WERE AWFUL.



SO,

HOW'D THOSE SHELLFISH WIND UP INSIDE YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WAS THAT PART OF THE EXPERIMENT?



NICE SEEING YOU.

NOW WAIT.

KOTA-CHAN.

KOTA.

WOULD'VE JUST BEEN TOO—

ALL THE GUYS WORKING FOR ME ARE YOUNG AND PENNILESS, SO ASKING THEM FOR SOME OF THEIR INSTANT RAMEN STASH

I NEVER CONSIDERED THAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO METABOLIZE MY GASTRIC ACID.



Boy!

Calm down!

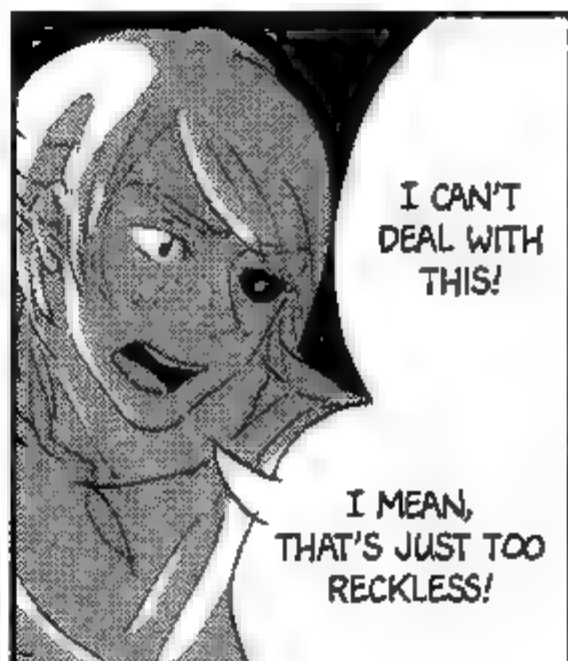
SHUT UP—!



HOW WAS THAT AN ACCIDENT!/?

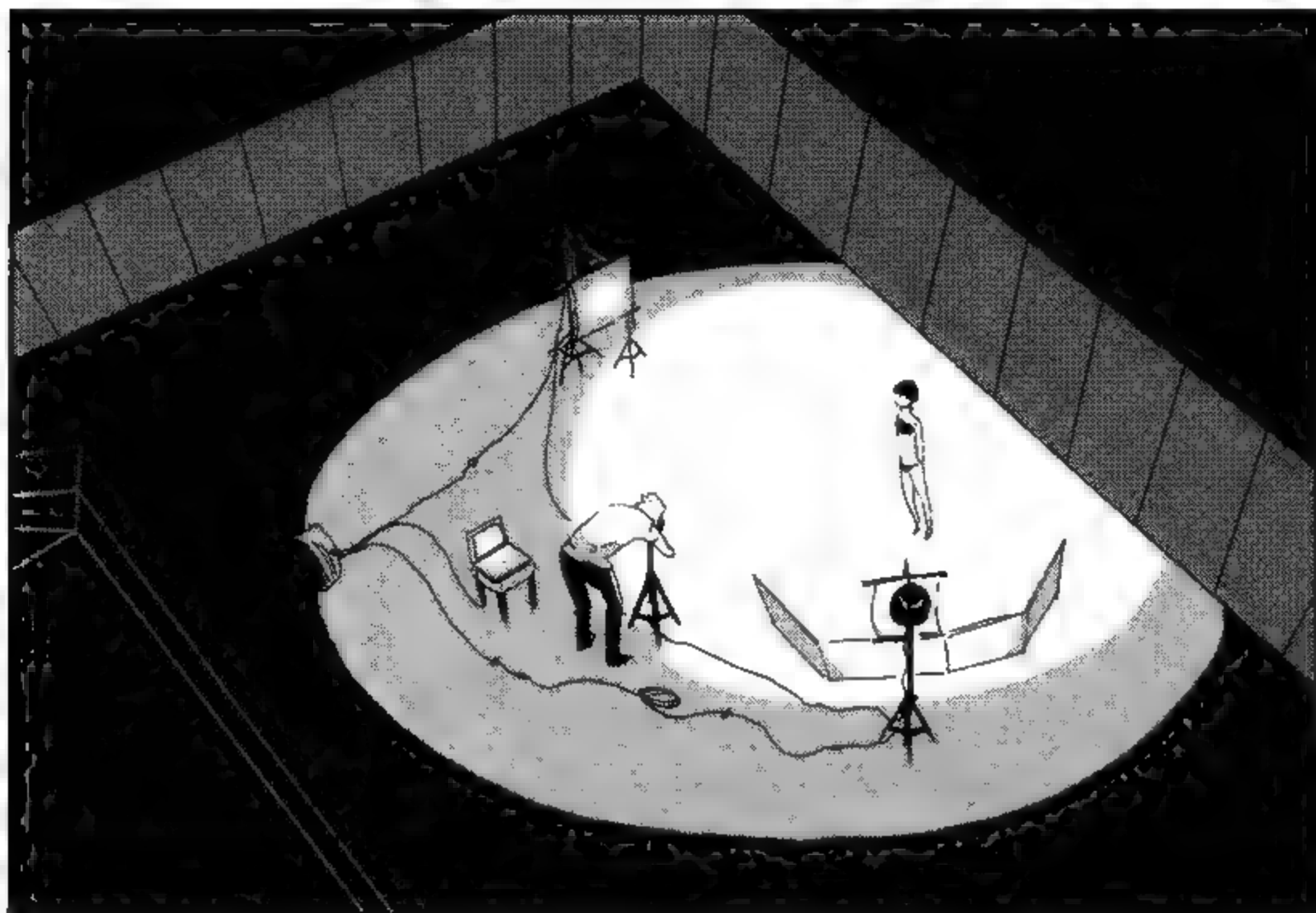
IT'S A MATTER OF HAVING A FLEXIBLE, PROACTIVE OUTLOOK.

THESE SORTS OF ACCIDENTS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF PROGRESS—



I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS!

I MEAN, THAT'S JUST TOO RECKLESS!



MODEL,
PLEASE KEEP
YOUR ORGANS
INSIDE!
IT LOOKS
INDECENT!

HEY!



AND I
THOUGHT I
DIDN'T GET YOU
BEFORE...

DAMN
IT...

CHRIST.

DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT!

GONNA
CRY
ABOUT
IT?



I'M
INCREDIBLY
RARE, YOU
KNOW. YOU
COULD ENJOY
THIS SOME.

I'M
AT LEAST
97
POINTS.

I SAID
SHUT
UP!

COME
ON.







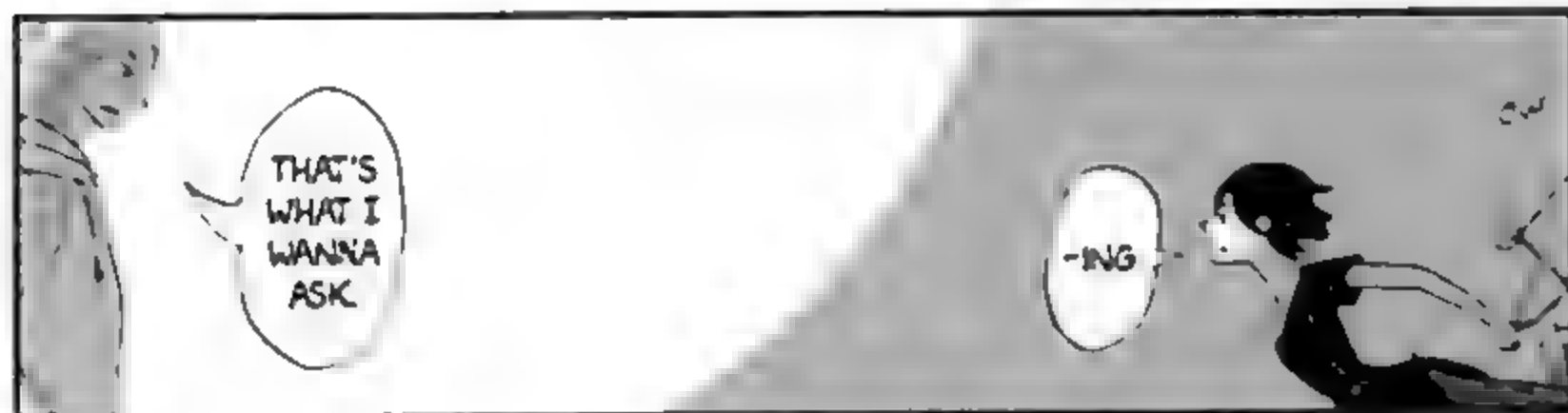
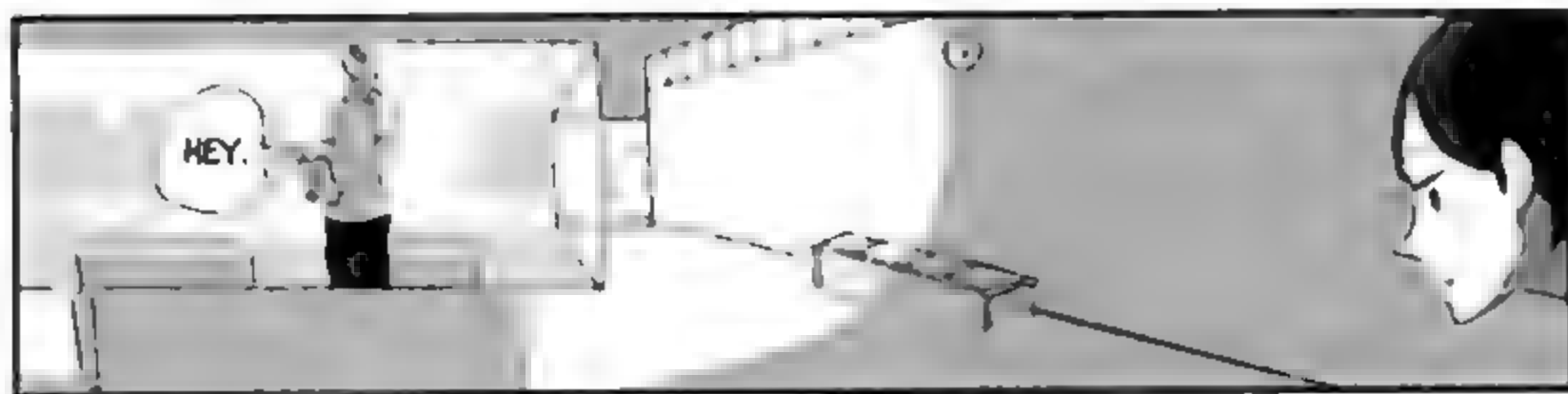


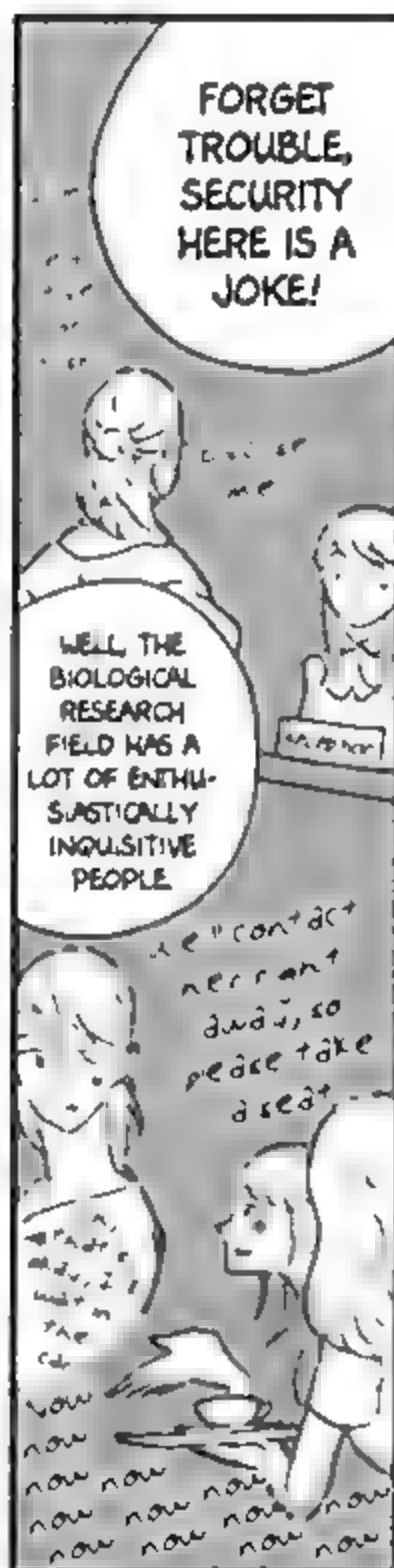
SFX. FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP



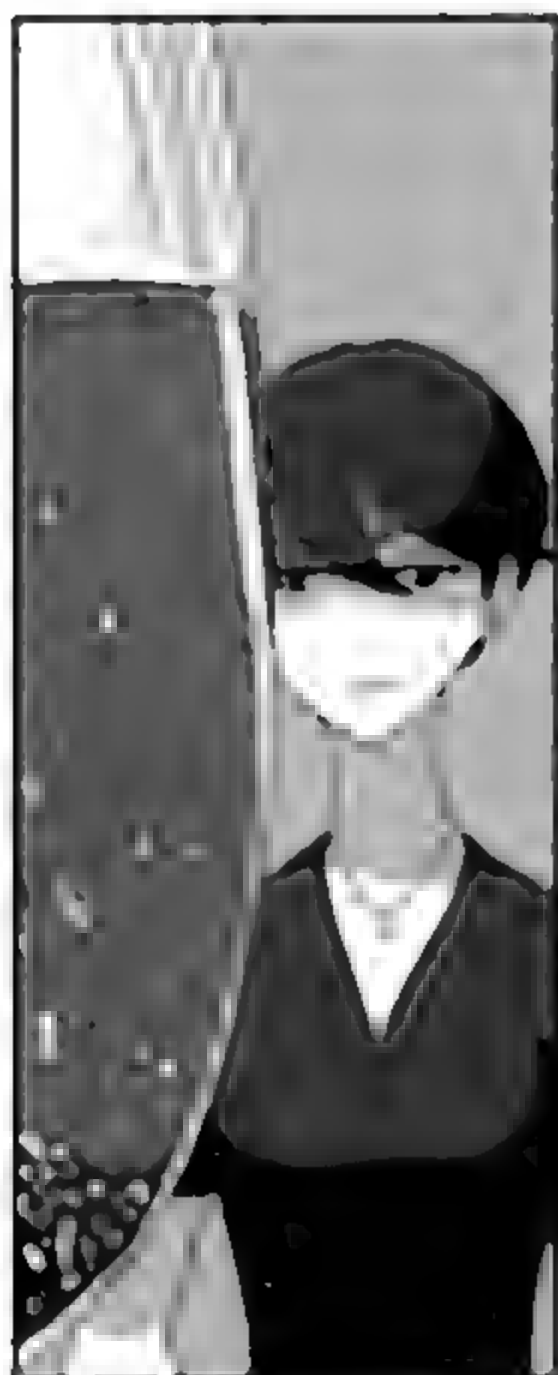


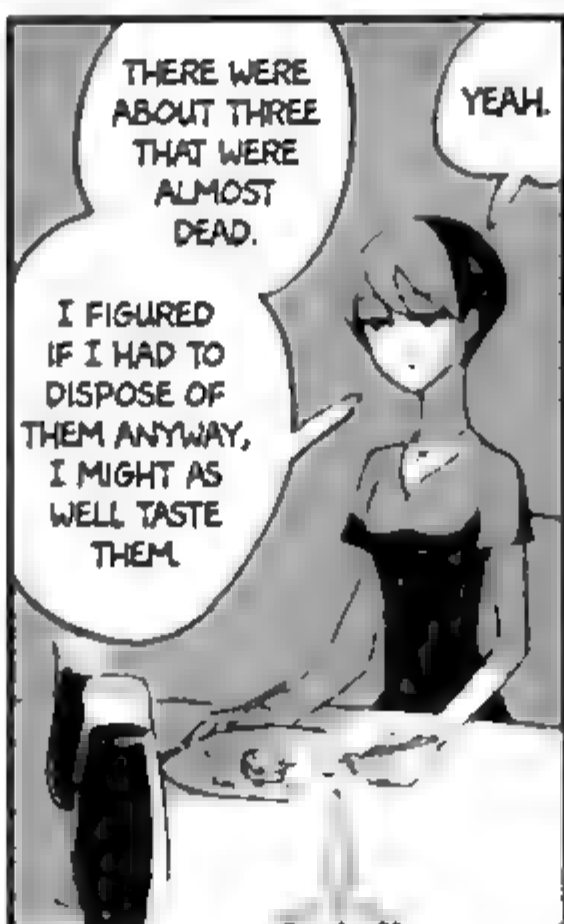


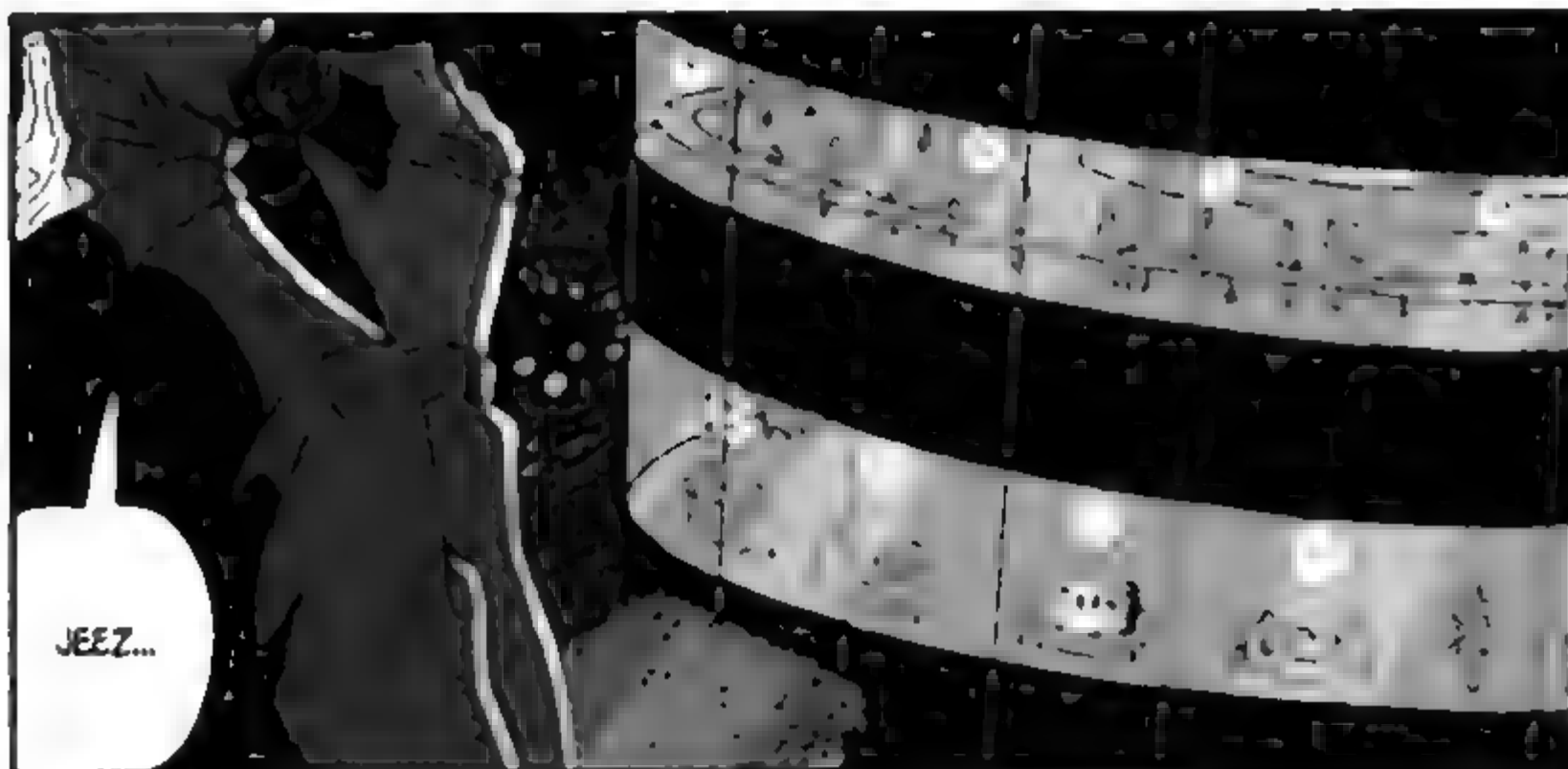


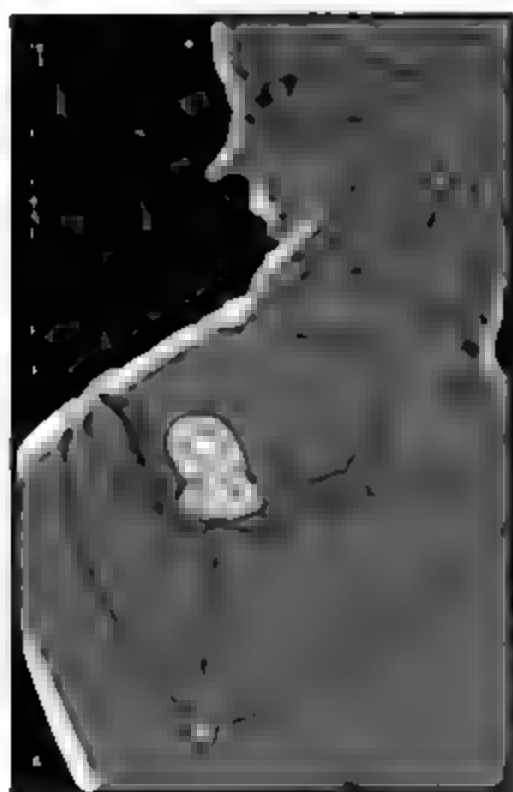






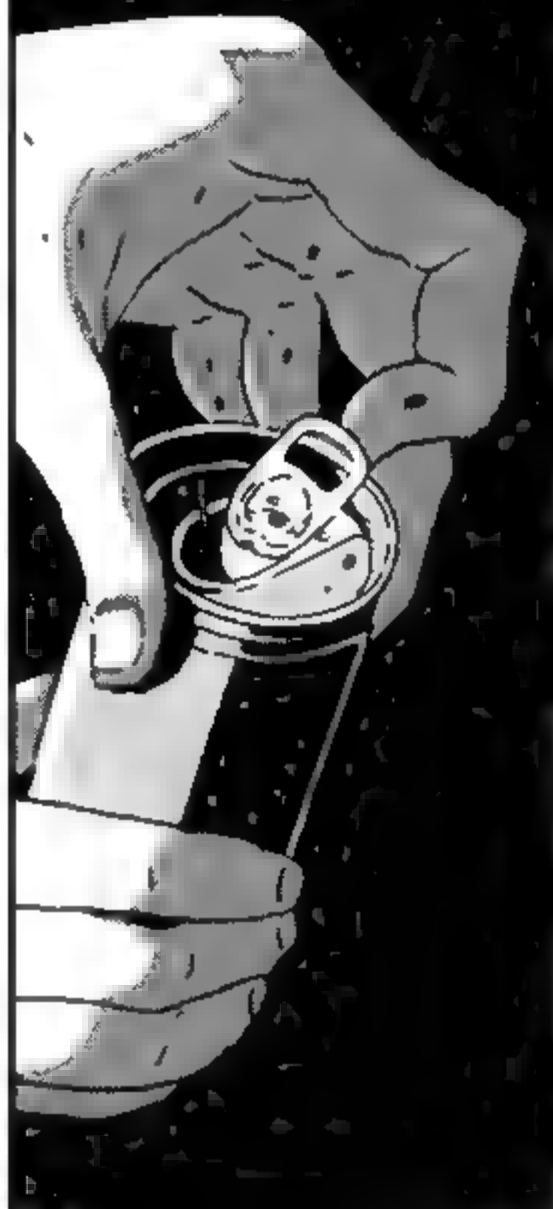






OR
MAYBE
A
SNIPER.

RAK



DO YOU
REALLY
LIKE
COFFEE
THAT
MUCH?

I used
to hate it.
but it grew
on me

Yaaaay!

SIS HAD
BETTER
WATCH
OUT.

MAN, EVEN
CROCODILE
TEARS?



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE DEEP
BLACKNESS OF
YOUR BIRTH-
PLACE...?

I see
no prob-
lem.



RIGHT, SHE
DRINKS NOTHING
BUT COFFEE...

BLACK?

Ah, with
sugar and
lots of m.k.



BUT
IF THIS
DOESN'T
FINISH UP
SOON I'LL
NEVER GET
BACK TO
WORK...

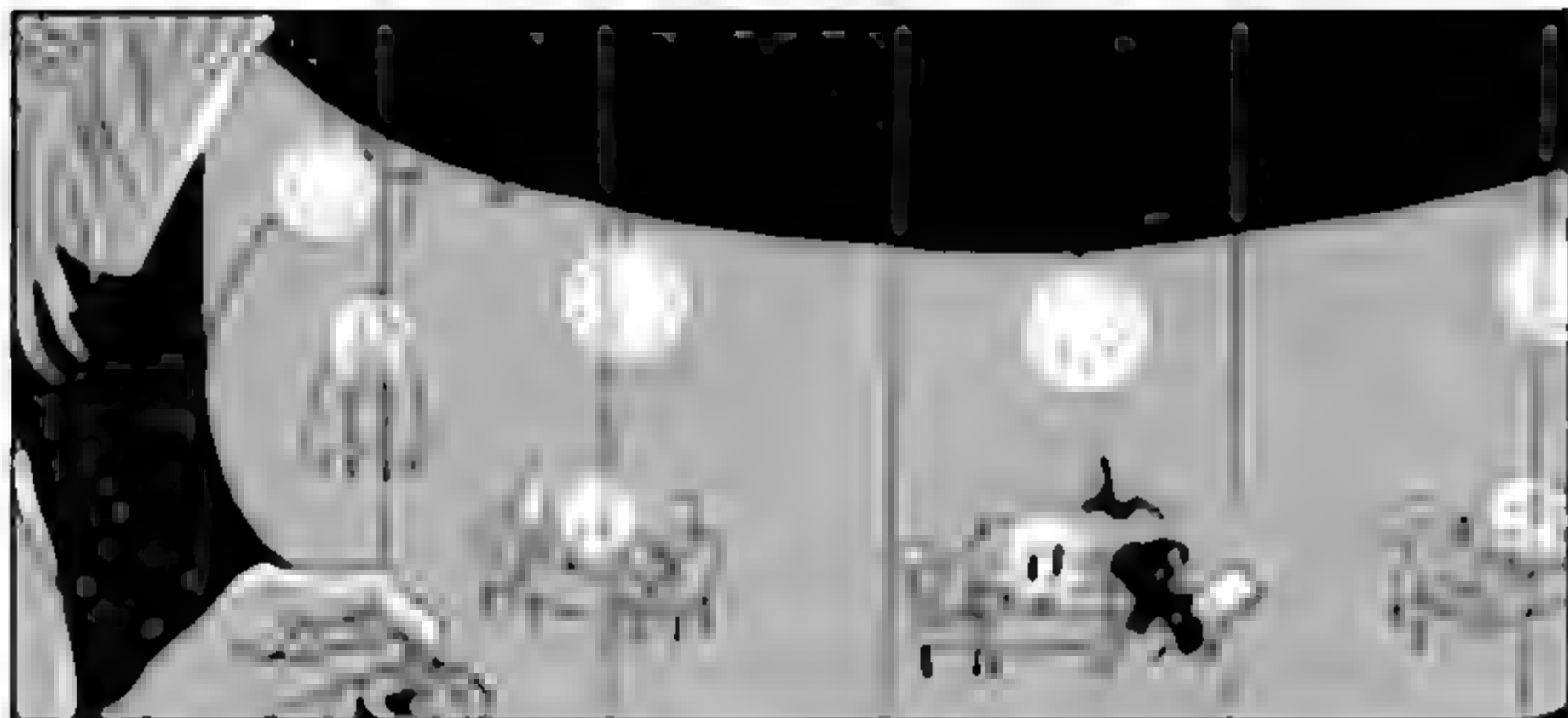
GOD, I'M
STARTING
TO FEEL
LIKE A
STALKER.

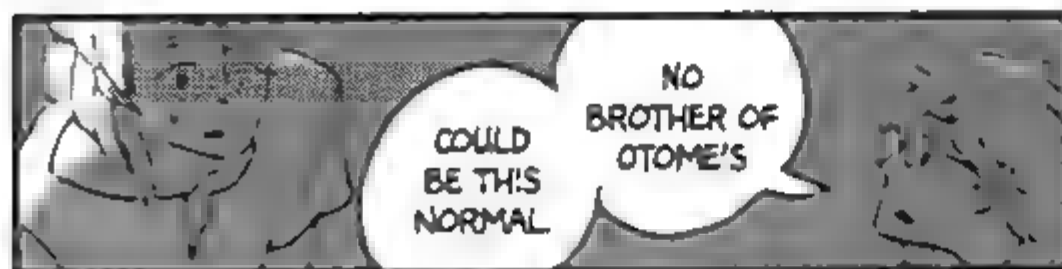


SERIOUSLY
THOUGH, SIS
IS SETTING A
NEW RECORD
FOR MAKING
NO SENSE.

SHE WAS
AT LEAST
MARGIN-
ALLY
HUMAN
BEFORE...

I DUNNO
ABOUT
BEING
TARGETED
OR WHAT-
EVER...





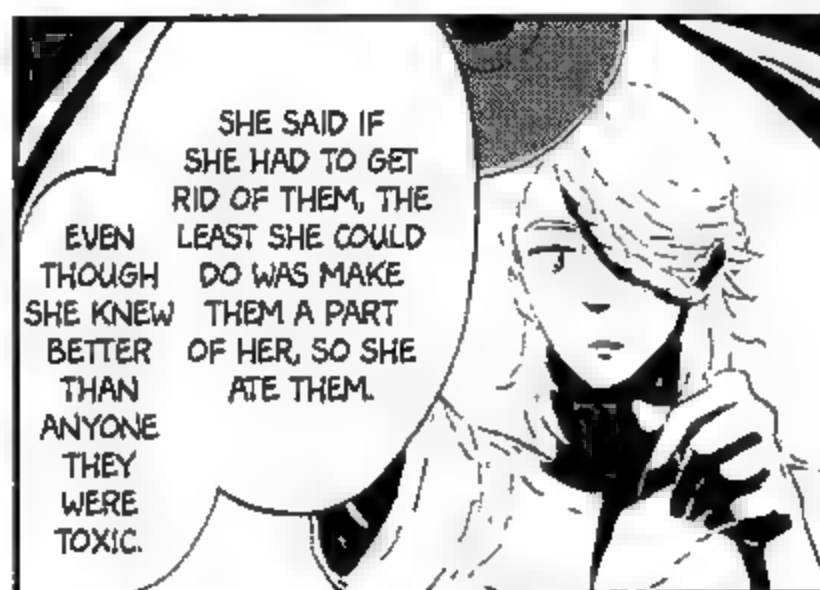


SHE'S REALLY
RELIABLE AND
KIND, YOU
KNOW?

SHE'S
GREAT,
EVEN IF
SHE IS
BRUSQUE.

LIKE
WITH THOSE
SHELLFISH
SHE WAS
RESEARCH-
ING.

"EVEN
IF."



SHE SAID IF
SHE HAD TO GET
RID OF THEM, THE
LEAST SHE COULD
DO WAS MAKE
THEM A PART
OF HER, SO SHE
ATE THEM.

EVEN
THOUGH
SHE KNEW
BETTER
THAN
ANYONE
THEY
WERE
TOXIC.



I CAME
HERE
TO SEE
OTOME

BECAUSE I
WAS WORRIED
SHE'D JUST
LEAVE AND
NEVER COME
BACK.



YOU MUST
HAVE HEARD
HER LAB IS
SHUTTING
DOWN AT THE
END OF THE
MONTH.

EVERYONE
AT WORK
ALWAYS RELIED
ON HER, BUT
NO ONE KNOWS
WHAT SHE'S
GOING TO DO
NOW.



